

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A flexible dip tube for a hand held sprayer has a filter element with a projection extending into the distal end of the dip tube for frictionally mounting the filter element thereto, the other end of the filter element extending beyond the distal end and containing filter material in communication with the interior of the tube, and a weight surrounding both the distal end and the projection of the filter element or weighting down the distal end during use.